(b) whether Government propose to take any effective steps to protect the interests of the patients; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No patient is put on floor for treatment in the Orthopaedic Department of Safdarjung Hospital. Appropriate facilities are available for the patient care in the OPD as well as IPD.

Proposal pending for setting up of integerated Primary Health Care System

2558. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that a proposal to seek World Bank assistance to the tune of Rs. 7.90 crore to set up an Integrated Primary Health Care System is pending with his Ministry; and

(b) the present stage of consideration of this proposal and by when a final decision in the matter is expected?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of 'Karnataka has submitted a project proposal on Karnataka Integrated Health Nutrition and Family Welfare Services Development Project' with an outlay of Rs.790 crores for World Bank assistance. It has been forwarded to the Planning Commission for comments on 11-9-2000.

Family welfare linked Health Insurance Plan

2559. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a family welfare linked health insurance plan for persons below the proverty line (BPL) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;